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PARIS FOR DEA; MANILA FOR US/ADB

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SUBJ: FUTURE OF ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

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1. THE WEEKS SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BROR REXED HAVE PRODUCED LITTLE SOLID FOLLOWUP ACTION.

2. WHEN THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR RECENTLY ASKED ARTHUR N.
HOLCOMBE, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, A.I., WHY HE HAD NOT
YET DISTRIBUTED TO INTERESTED EMBASSIES THE "PROTOCOL OF
PRINCIPLES" SIGNED BY REXED AND AFGHAN NARCOTICS COORDINATOR
MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI (REFTEL, HOLCOMBE REPLIED THAT HE HAD
BEEN WAITING FOR THE AFGHANS TO PUBLISH THE AGREEMENT FIRST,
AS FONMIN AMIN HAD PROMISED REXED. HOLCOMBE RECENTLY PRODDDED
MAROOFI ABOUT THE LACK OF THE AGREED PUBLICITY, AND WAS
TOLD THAT THE AFGHAN PRESS IS SO FULL OF IMPORTANT NEWS AT
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THIS TIME THAT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR THE PROTOCOL. HOLCOMBE
HAS SINCE TRANSMITTED THE DOCUMENT TO US.

3. AS FOR THE PROJECTED ADDICT-TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR BADA KHSHAN,
W.H.O. OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION ARE NOT
BEING PERMITTED INTO THAT SENSITIVE REGION WHICH IS CURRENTLY
EXPERIENCING SOME RESISTANCE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE KABUL REGIME.

NO ONE HERE HAS ANY IDEA WHEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO COMMENCE THAT ENTERPRISE.

4. WE ARE TROUBLED BY THE CONTINUED UNWILLINGNESS OF AFGHAN POLICE OFFICIALS TO HAVE ANY DIRECT DEALINGS WITH OUR AMERICAN DEA OFFICERS. WE HOPE THAT UNDND'S MICHAEL DAVIES WILL BE ABLE TO HELP TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION, TOGETHER WITH THE RELATED PROBLEM OF RE-ESTABLISHING DEA'S REWARD SYSTEM (REFTEL), WHEN HE RETURNS TO KABUL ON SEPT 26. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL IF THE U.S. MISSION AT GENEVA WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH DAVIES BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR KABUL.

5. ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, THE GOVT-CONTROLLED AFGHAN PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT LARGE SEIZURES OF OPIUM AND HASHISH, BUT WE HAVE NO FOOLPROOF WAY OF VERIFYING ALL OF THESE REPORTS AT THIS TIME.
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